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In re Application of: Eva Sevick-Muraca, et al.
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Examiner: Lin Yeoyuh
Title: **IMAGING OF LIGHT SCATTERING TISSUES
WITH FLUORESCENT CONTRAST AGENTS**

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RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. 1.111

In response to the Office Action mailed September 12, 2003, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the following amendments thereto, and the comments as set forth below. Please amend the application as follows: